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WE BOUGHT BONDS

Then and Now

You may not remember it but back on July 30, 1918, the Government first issued restrictions on automobile tires. This, of course, was during the First World War and although at that time restrictions were fairly limited, there were a good many other things that were changed during that year because of war restrictions which again will come into effect on an even wider scale today.

Back in 1918, corsets were pretty widely used, and the Government restricted the width and thickness of the steel stays that could be used in corsets, cut down on the number of styles — restricted the use of paper in special boxes that contained them. This resulted in saving 1,229 carloads of freight space.

Clothing for boys, girls, women and men was also changed by Government decree. The number of styles that could be produced was limited and all fancy designs and decorations were eliminated. It was estimated, then, that a saving of 12% to 15% of the cloth in each garment was effected. Sweaters and a good many other kinds of textiles were also changed in construction in 1918. Wool was eliminated in some cases and the use of it in others was restricted. This brought about a saving of 33% in the use of wool in sweaters and knitted textile garments. They even went so far then, and they probably will do it right now, as to cut down on the little tin boxes that contain typewriter ribbons, eliminating both the tinfoil and the boxes.

Although electric refrigerators were not widely used during the First World War, even then the Government made all manufacturers cut down the styles they were making at that time, to two.

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MORE WAR BONDS MUST BE BOUGHT

MANY HUNDREDS HAVE
BOUGHT THEM BUT
IT'S NOT ENOUGH

A lot of bonds have been bought by Pepperell people since Pearl Harbor, but a lot of bombs have fallen too. It takes bonds to buy bombs, and the planes that carry them. Not yet have enough bonds been bought to make up our share of what we ought to contribute toward the War Program. *More bonds have got to be sold, and we've got to buy them.*

These government bonds that you can buy, by having a small weekly deduction from your pay check, in Biddeford and Lewiston, are an investment for you—an investment that is backed by the full faith of the U. S. Government. Buy a bond today worth \$18.75, and in ten years you get back \$25.00. Buy a bond at the low rate of 50 cents a week, and you won't be spending a cent. You'll be investing it in a government security, that pays a good rate of interest.

THE FRONT COVER

Eglantine Roy and Yvonne Hevey, Weave Room employees, Biddeford, have liberally subscribed for Savings Bonds, believing that they are a good sound investment. After purchasing one bond they will buy another and another and as long as necessary.

Here are some questions that you'll want to ask. And here are the answers:

- Q. Do I give money to the government when I pay for a bond?
- A. No. You lend it to the government and it pays you an interest rate of 2.9% yearly, so you get back substantially more than you lend.
- Q. Does my son, brother, or friend in the armed services benefit from my buying a bond?
- A. They sure do. The money you lend to the government helps to buy their food, clothing, ammunition, planes and equipment.
- Q. How do I go about getting a bond?
- A. Ask your Overseer or Department Head for a payroll deduction card.
- Q. How much can I have deducted each week?
- A. You can have 50 cents or more deducted each time you're paid.
- Q. Do I get a bond right away?
- A. You get a bond registered in your name, just as soon as the total deductions reach \$18.75, the cost of the lowest priced bond.
- Q. Can I buy a bond outright and then have deductions made?
- A. Sure you can get a bond right away for \$18.75, and then you can start getting another by having deductions made each week.
- Q. Have many Pepperell people bought bonds?
- A. Yes. Hundreds of them have bought them, but hundreds more have got to buy them unless they want to let the country down.
- Q. Do I have to be an American citizen to buy a bond?
- A. No. Many who aren't citizens have bought the most bonds, for they know the real meaning of freedom.
- Q. If I resign or leave Pepperell for any reason, what happens to the money that I've put in?
- A. Every cent to your credit will be refunded in either cash or Defense Stamps, as desired. Don't hesitate a minute. Speak to your Overseer or Department Head right now about starting to buy a bond. Don't be a slacker. Line up with millions of other American working men and women by investing in your government. *Do it today before it's too late.*

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"ALL OF US HAVE BOUGHT WAR BONDS"



Mrs. Alice Nollette, a spinner in Room 15-3, Biddeford, is among the hundreds of Pepperell employees who have purchased and are purchasing Savings Bonds. Ten years from now she will get \$25 for every \$18.75 she is investing now.



Cleopha Metayer, who has been employed for 50 years with Pepperell, Biddeford, purchased 6 bonds by cash immediately after the Company announced the plan. He also has two sons and a daughter who are having bond deductions from their weekly pay check.



Ernest Pothier, Dye House employee, Biddeford, says that if the purchase of a few bonds will win the war, he is going to win it. He has bought six in cash and contracted to buy more by weekly deductions.



James Mogan, employed in the Sheetting Division, Biddeford, considers bonds as a great investment, in fact taking all things into consideration, it's the best investment. He, like hundreds of other employees, is having bond deductions from his weekly pay check.

SAVE WISELY AND LIVE WELL FOR THE FUTURE

THERE ARE MANY WAYS
TO STRETCH THE
BUDGET FURTHER



No food to be wasted. Good old-fashioned New England hesh isn't so bad. Take the left overs from previous meals and bake them in the casserole such as Mrs. Daignault is preparing here.

Citizens are being converted into soldiers. Homemakers are being converted into salvage experts. We are all being converted—changed—into what we must be in order to outdo the enemy and insure success in our war effort. We are converting food, clothing, paper, scrap metal, rubber and many other articles into usable form that ordinarily would be thrown away and forgotten. Let's remember that *Waste Is Sabotage*.

Mr. and Mrs. Homemaker Are Important People

America's army of homemakers goes into action. Women who are wise in the ways of home planning have long realized the value of the system known as budgeting. Budgeting means the correct distribution and proper allowance of all supplies required in the home. Mrs. Homemaker uses the budget plan because she understands that if she spends all of hubby's pay check as soon as it is received, she will find herself without funds before the next check arrives.

She plans her meals from a viewpoint of available supplies of foodstuffs and the amount of people in the family she must feed. To cook only the right amount so none will be thrown away, or if any remains, to cook the left overs in such com-

mon dishes as a casserole is necessary. She uses everything and therefore throws away nothing.

The husband or father must learn to be more saving. If chairs or furniture need a little fixing, electric appliance cords need repairing, the house needs a little painting, he does it because he is a handy man about the home and thus saves materials for our boys at the front.

Conserve Rubber for Barrage Balloons, Tanks, Etc.

The best way to teach our children to be saving is to be saving ourselves. Overshoes, rubbers, raincoats, or any articles with rubber should be thoroughly dry before being put away—but dry them slowly away from radiators and stoves. Baby's rubber things which are carelessly handled by mother, rather than by actual wear by baby, cause great wear and wastes a necessary war material. And ladies, if you want to retain your fine figure, treat that girdle as gently as a baby, give it frequent rather than hard laundering, do not put it over a radiator to dry and do not insert any pins, and

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use care in putting on and taking off all rubber garments to get long life out of them.

Your Good Neighbor Policy

Wool is largely used in our war effort and for that reason we must take good care of all woolen materials in the home. Vacuum clean the rugs daily to prevent surface dirt from grinding into the wool fibers, turn them around occasionally to distribute the wear and wipe up promptly any food or milk that the children spill on the rug. Take good care of the blankets by having long sheets cover the top of the edges to prevent soiling. When storing them next summer, see that they are impregnable from an insect attack.

Our Thanks to the Daigneault Family

We as a nation are called upon to save, each one as an individual. War has united us into one big family. If we have outgrown our shoes, rubbers, clothes, etc., do not throw them away but give them to your neighbors or friends, and he will do likewise, for before we are through with this struggle, we will be glad we performed a good neighbor policy in our own neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Daigneault and sons Normand and Donald very kindly consented to be photographed for the accompanying pictures. Mrs. Daigneault is employed in the Biddeford Blanket Division and Mr. Daigneault in the Sheeting Division. This family, typical of Pepperell employee groups, believes that they have an important home job in conservation and salvage of home supplies and furnishings.



It's surprising what we can do when we have to and before long we may have to repair chairs, furniture and general household appliances. Mr. Daigneault is about to repair a chair that had been listed for the trash can. Save, Repair and Re-Model should be a slogan in every household.



Keep the paint in good repair. Mr. Daigneault stirs up paint, for it is better to patch up the house where it is peeling than to let it go until it will require a big job.



Dads will become household engineers and salvage experts before long. Steel is a precious metal now and skates are made in part of this metal. And roller skates without wheels are useless so Normand's daddy repairs the skates and conserves on steel.

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**DON'T LET THE BOYS
DOWN — BUY A BOND
FOR THEM AND THEIRS**

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Donald and Normand are playing with wooden toys for rubber and metal toys will soon be at a premium. Toys of this type will conserve on those vital materials for war and at the same time allow the children's minds to develop a sense of construction. Look at the toy counters in local stores and you can see how much the war has restricted the use of metal toys alone.



Donald the south-paw handles the cue like a veteran, while his brother Normand watches for the split. Games made from wood will largely supplant those of metal or rubber which is used in large quantities for planes and tanks. These children like thousands of others are very willing to cooperate to help maintain freedom.



Working it over, or putting the family pay check to work on a budget basis. Discover where the money can be put to best advantage to get necessary family supplies and yet save.

This saving can be put into Defense Bonds and thus create an investment.

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It's smart to patch clothing, darn the socks or to turn your husband's shirt collar as Mrs. Daigneault is doing. Mend the clothing time and again but mend it at the first sign of wear before it gets beyond the stage where it can be repaired.



Save on fuel. While the oven is up, cook enough food for several days. For example, Mrs. Daigneault has her meat and vegetables in the cooker boiling other food on the stove and baking pies and cookies in the oven. Think and be thrifty.

FROM ATTIC TO CELLAR



Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

The Government is setting an example in salvaging material. Here are thousands of scraps of cloth left over from cut army uniforms. They are going to be salvaged by the Government.

Take a look around your house, in the attic, in the cellar, in closets, in the garage, or any place where you may have stored papers, rags, old scrap metal, rubber, or anything of this sort. The Government needs these things much more than you do, and you ought to contribute them toward the Scrap Saving Program, which is under way intensively right now. Hoarding scrap is almost as bad as hoarding food, and no one should keep holding waste material that can be used in the important war effort. If you have a stack of papers and magazines, you can load them into the car and take them to a junk dealer, who will give you around 40c or 50c per hundred pounds for them. Perhaps you may get even more.

Go Through The House

Turn in old rubber tires where the fabric is thoroughly worn through and there is no chance that they may be retreaded. If you have any scrap of iron, not tin cans, take these to a junkie and he'll make you a good price for them.

Some spare Saturday or Sunday, when you have the time, why don't you make a point of going right through house from attic to cellar, cleaning out all the rubbish and gathering it together to take to a junk dealer to sell. You will not only help the war effort, but you will reduce the fire hazard in your home a great deal and you'll clean up a lot of corners which have needed cleaning up for a long time.

AIR-RAID PROGRAM NOW SHAPING UP

ORGANIZATION IS GETTING
UNDER WAY IN
PEPPERELL MILLS

The plant Managers of your mills have been and are working on the ways and methods of protecting employees from an air-raid attack, although it is very improbable that there is an immediate possibility of attack at this time. However they do regard such a possibility and therefore have set up a defense organization, headed by the Chief Warden and followed by Fire, Police, Medical and Maintenance Services together with Department Wardens. Though precautions used against air raids are general, each plant and departments of that plant, must be dealt with under local conditions and circumstances, each fundamentally the same to achieve the same desired goal.

Using Fall River Plant as an Example

The work that must be done and the layout of the plan to provide employees with full protection needs careful planning as quickly as possible. An example of the progress made thus far can be illustrated by using that of the Fall River plant. The entire plan is supervised by the Management, though the responsibility rests in a very large measure on the Chief Warden. Directly under him are the room wardens, fire, police, medical and engineering services, all of which in turn are sub-divided.

Men in the fire department have completed a course at the city fire department headquarters on the subject of how to handle fire fighting equipment. Later they are to have regular and systematic drills at the plant. Roof spotters will be



Painted on bright red with white lettering, these boxes are to be filled with sand at the Fall River Plant. Dry sand put on an incendiary bomb will prevent it from spreading. Joseph Carpenter, a carpenter, helped to build the boxes from scrap wood.

stationed on the buildings to locate a fire on their particular roof or adjoining roofs. Incendiary fire fighters have been trained on how to put out or dispense with incendiary bombs. In addition to the plant's high pressure water pumps, portable tanks and pumps of five gallon capacity have been purchased which can be used in stream or spray form.

Duties of Medical and Maintenance Departments

Policing the plant has been arranged for and strict enforcement will be applied, augmented by gatemen and watchmen. The medical department will operate in conjunction with the clinic and its equipment. All room wardens and firemen are to receive first aid instruction, which is the regular 20 hour Red Cross course. When completed, other employees will be given an opportunity to pursue the course, especially those who will volunteer as stretcher bearers.

To the maintenance or engineering departments falls the responsibility for restoration and salvage

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work at the plant. They will provide shelters and if necessary construct new ones, and maintain or protect them. Should power, light or water be disrupted it will be their duty to restore these services.

Employees Volunteer Their Services

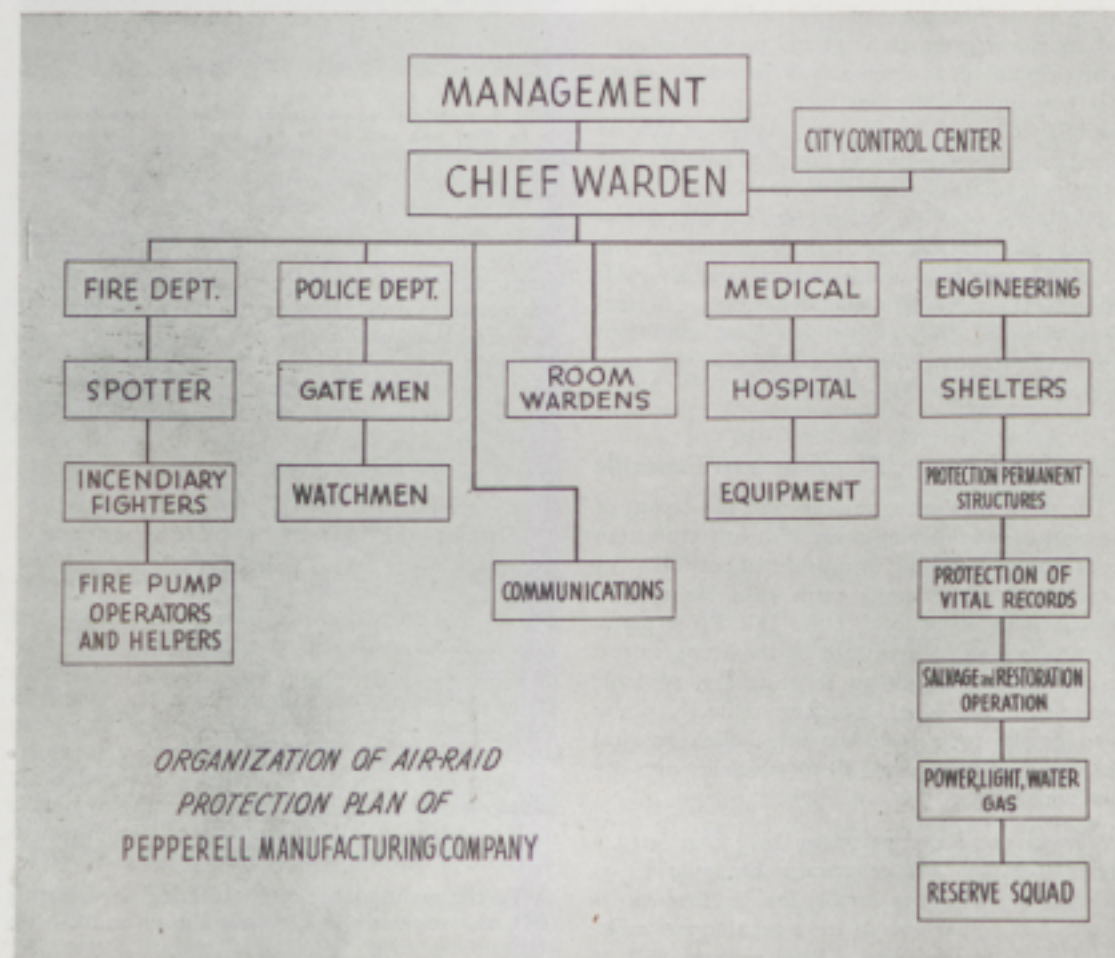
Sand boxes, a pail to scoop sand into and a shovel will be placed at proper locations throughout the plant. Every precaution will be taken to protect the employee and maintain an operating schedule of the plants, for our boys in the armed forces need a continuous flow of product such as Pepperell is making for them. The plan is designed to operate in complete cooperation with local civic authorities. All the personnel in the various defense activities at the mills, have volunteered their services and demonstrate the unison for which Americans are famous.

Watch for further instructions from plant Managers.

A Warden has been assigned to each room. Cooperate with him for your safety.

Your place of haven and how to get there will be explained by Chief Warden.

Keep your head. All the facilities of our air-raid precaution organization will go into action in case of an emergency.



**DON'T LET THE
RIGHT SIDE DOWN**



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LEWISTON BLACK UP HAS ANOTHER LAUGH RAID

MINSTREL SHOW PACKS
BIG CITY HALL

Playing to an audience which filled the Lewiston City Hall to overflowing, the bleachery folk successfully staged their second annual minstrel on January 30th. Over 55 employees participated by displaying their talent after a rehearsal period of only four weeks. The whole show was purely amateur in design, for employees in 25 out of the 30 acts had never before been behind the footlights, yet their actions were equal to those of professionals.

Every Act a Specialty Number

The end men positions were capably filled by Gabriel Tetreault, Bill O'Connell, Val Drouin and Gordon Windle who very cleverly played to the cash customers on the shelf. End girls who swept the audience with their southern dialect were: Anna Joly, Doris Tardif, Mildred Kerr, Lula Duston, Antoinette Joly and Jane Sawyer. Every act was a specialty number and a very brief resume of these were Bill O'Connell singing the Wise Old Owl with the bird winking and blinking his eyes by an electrical arrangement; Al Buteau with his electrical guitar; Thomas Cunliffe and Florence Martin singing 'A Bicycle Built for Two' while seated on the same; Girard Grenier, the Joe Parsons of the bleachery singing that much talked about highway, The Road to Mandalay; and the Anniversary Waltz sung and danced in the Helen Morgan way by the talented Maryanne Morin.

One surprise act that even the committee knew nothing about was the unexpected arrival of "Carmen Miranda" attired in South American costume who sang and danced with triple jointed rhythm to rock the audience out of their chairs. In the dressing room, it was revealed that this dancer who shook like a dish of jello was Raymond Tetreault. Another big hit was the military mock wedding with the St. Mary's Cadets of Lewiston



Lula Duston, Lewiston, from an end-girl position rocked the house with her impression of the St. Louis Blues, in shivering guttural tones. She has been labeled the best dressed girl in Harlow.

taking part. They entered by the rear of the hall and advanced to the stage followed by the bride and groom with attendants. The ceremony was capably performed by Deacon Fred Lawrence with Methode Rancourt doing the vocal—When The Organ Played O Promise Me. The very charming bride and groom were Mabel Turcotte and Tom Salter.

Committeemen Natural Born Showmen

The group of men to form the show's committee deserve plenty of congratulations for making the show such a success. The men and officers were: Henry Breen, Chairman and Interlocutor; Thomas Anthoine, Asst. Chairman; John Murphy, Technical Advisor; William McFarland, Musical Advisor; and William McCarthy, Manager. Anthony Cormier was Coach with the entire show being another Cormier Production, for this was the 56th show that "Bunny" has arranged. Already, the cast has been invited again to produce the show at Togus and Fort Williams.

Music for the show was by one of New England's better bands, Lloyd Rafuell's Georgians with Petite Rita Gamache doing the vocals.

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An innovation to the show was Maryanne Morin singing the Anniversary Waltz while seated on the piano. She completed the number by a fine exhibition of soft shoe dancing.



Just pouring it right out with great gusto, William McFarland, Lewiston, is singing You And I. Interlocutor Henry Breen is seated on the right with the entire personnel seated before a backdrop representing the New York skyline.



Florence Martin and Tom Cunliffe, the bees brummel of the Lewiston Sheet Factory, were featured in two popular numbers, The Strawberry Blonde and A Bicycle Built for Two.



The mock military wedding was one of the highlights of the show. The bride and groom, Mabel Turcotte and Tom Salter, are leaving the stage and about to pass between several members of the St. Mary's Cadets.



Gilberte St. Pierre, Lewiston, won the approval of the audience by her clever rendition of Elmer's Tune. The accompanist for all vocals was Mrs. Leo Larochelle.



With eyes as big as saucers, and with wide open mouth, Val Drouin, Lewiston, is pouring out that ever popular end-man song, the Darktown Strutters Ball.

NEW BIDDEFORD CLINIC IN FULL OPERATION



Miss LaMothe and Miss Jones, nurses in the Biddeford Clinic, explain part of the new equipment to a group of interested Biddeford employees. At an open house over 1,000 of the

employees in Biddeford visited. Top right, Miss LaMothe giving a baking treatment in one of the treatment rooms; and in the top left she is shown in the new Clinic Laboratory.

"HI, FOLKS—BACK US UP WITH A BOND"



Thick or thin, it's still bread to Pfc. Labonte as he sits at an officers' mess table constructed of trees. Labonte is assistant to Sgt. Hood who is in the supply department.



FORMER LEWISTON EMPLOYEE . . . William Parkin, one of our soldier boys, stationed at Camp Blanding, was employed in the Sheet Factory at Lewiston. He looks as though army life agreed with him.



This picture was not posed for the important paper being read is a message from headquarters. Wearing field jackets on maneuvers, these men are, left to right: Lieutenant Schorhorn, unidentified, and First Sergeant Petterson.



Pitching his pup tent under cover of the trees, Pfc. Bennett takes time out to allow his picture to be taken for us. Note the density of the woods where members of the 103d Infantry have camped while on maneuvers.



Pvt. Gerard Tardiff now at H. and S., 36th Engineers, Plattsburg Barracks, Plattsburg, N. Y. would like his friends to drop him a line. He was a former Blanket Weaver in Room 132 at Biddeford.

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WAR GARDENS WILL BE NEEDED

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED TELL
YOUR OVERSEER

Yes Sir!—it certainly is going to be important for everyone who possibly can to have a War Garden this spring and summer. There is one difference though between the type of garden that should be planted now and those that were planted during the last war. This is a different kind of war from the one of 1918 and by the same token, the kinds of gardens that should be planted will be different too.

A short while ago, the Massachusetts State Agricultural College held a meeting where they gave important recommendations that ought to be followed in planting a War Garden. There is a program under way which will encourage farmers who are already well acquainted with how to raise many different kinds of crops to plant in addition to their regular crops, a small amount of vegetables which can be used by their own families or sold in limited quantities on the open market. This has been recommended because experienced farmers can take care of gardens well—eliminate fertilizer waste—and get the best possible crops from the seeds that are used.

The second recommendation was that those people who have had small vegetable gardens in the past, expand these to a small degree and use their ready knowledge of gardening to make the small plot of land which is cultivated as productive as possible.

The third recommendation was that no amateur gardener should undertake a War Garden unless he has complete instructions as to the correct use of fertilizer, what to plant, how to cultivate it, and how to get the most out of it. These recommendations were made because there is very definitely a shortage of fertilizer, a shortage of some kinds of seeds and of course, of many kinds of simple garden implements. It is felt very strongly, that only those people who have the full desire to start a garden and then to carry through to the end of the season, should undertake such a program. The very



Arthur Garnde, a Card Room machine erector, Biddeford, started planting a garden 15 years ago and has grown from a small patch to four acres. Though it is a hobby with him, he has become very successful as a gardener.

small War Gardens which prevailed during the first World War are not encouraged.

However, in localities where Pepperell mills are located, the people first of all, have generally a background of agricultural experience. Many of the fathers and grandfathers of present employees originally worked the land where they came from and this skill which they had, certainly has been passed down to fathers, sons and daughters in a way which would not be true of those people whose ancestors had been raised and brought up in the city without any knowledge of agriculture at all.

It has been estimated by the Massachusetts State Agricultural College that vegetables which are bought on the open market cost on the average during the growing season, about 3c per lb. This is in complete contrast to home grown vegetables which cost a person operating a small garden, about 1c per lb. The difference between the cost of the two is made up in the cost of seeds, fertilizer, and above all, the labor which a person will put into the garden in order to make it productive.

Here again, it has been estimated that a garden about 30x30 feet should require about an hour's work each evening throughout the growing season



New England people have got to start to raise more and more of their own products. They won't do this to supplant the vegetables they can buy from the market gardeners in the summer but they will do it so that they can preserve their own products for use during the winter.

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in order to keep it in good shape. This is no small job when it is considered that the work must be done each day, but the important thing is, that the produce from the garden not only is valuable when it is ready to be eaten, but that it should also be canned or preserved in some way to be used during the winter months when the ordinary supply of vegetables on the market is very much limited. The real value of such a garden lies not only in being able to secure produce directly from the garden to use on the table, but even of far greater importance, to carry the produce of the garden over to the winter when the use of greens and vegetables in the diet is extremely important. The possibility that there may be a tin can shortage and that other factors may limit the sale of canned goods during the coming winter, suggests strongly that preserving will be an extremely intelligent thing to consider for next Fall.

In order to preserve at the lowest possible cost and to obtain the best possible produce, now is the time to lay plans. The garden ought to be completely thought out—not in terms of what will be fun to plant—but what will be useful when vege-

tables are scarce. The States of Maine and Massachusetts have County Agricultural or Extension Agents who are skilled in instructing people in home gardening procedure. The job of these agents is just that—showing people how to grow vegetables economically and with good results. The nearest county agricultural agent to the City of Biddeford, is in Sanford, Maine, and his name is Mr. R. H. Lovejoy. The nearest to Lewiston is Mr. C. L. Eastman and he is in that city as agent for Androscoggin County. In Portland, Maine, the Agricultural Extension Service office is in charge of W. S. Plumer and the address is 76 Pearl Street, Portland, Maine. From this office, arrangements can be made to have instructions given to groups of people on how to raise and grow home garden vegetables correctly. In the vicinity of Fall River, Mr. C. W. Harris, Jr., at Segregansett, is the County Extension Agent.

If groups of employees feel that they would like to make arrangements to have group gardening instruction of any nature, it is suggested strongly that they mention this fact to their overseers or second hands. If a sufficient number of them show interest, efforts will be made by the mill to have county demonstration agents work out a program which will provide intelligent instruction.



Take a half hour some night and write a letter to one of the fellows in the army, navy or air corps. They all say that letters from home, even though they are from a friend not a relative, are the most welcome things they can get. You certainly know someone you can write to, so why not do it tonight?

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BIDDEFORD LAB STRETCHES OUT WITH GROWING PAINS

IT WILL BE ENLARGED
TO ABOUT TWICE ITS
FORMER SIZE

For several years, the Biddeford laboratory has needed more working space because of the increased volume of work. The clinic and laboratory were adjacent to each other but now that the clinic has been moved to another location, the laboratory will now absorb this floor space, permitting more than double the present area or over 3,200 square feet.

The present laboratory office will remain as it is while the previously used clinical office will be converted into a waiting room for the laboratory. Outside of the two toilets and photographic dark room the remainder of the floor space will be divided between a chemical laboratory and a physical laboratory. In the basement of the building will be located a cloth sample room, cloth inspection room and a room to contain the equipment to maintain constant temperature and humidity control for the physical laboratory on the floor above.

Purpose of Chemical Laboratory

The chemical laboratory will have benches on either side of the room with fume hoods and forced draft for ventilation. Under all the benches will be cupboards providing ample storage for dyestuffs and chemicals. In the center of the room will be a large central table with a sink, water and gas connections. Tops on the tables and benches will be fireproof, alkali and acid resistant. It is in this room that cloth and raw stock material is tested for chemical content; chemical stocks consisting of



Carpenter Sias Bissou and Albert Roy, Biddeford, are nailing up the strapping to form the lobby of the new Laboratory. Read about the new Laboratory in the story that follows.

starches, germs, dyestuffs, salts, acids, alkalies, wetting out and scouring agents and all other usual run of dyehouse materials will be closely analyzed.

Air Conditioned, As Set by A. S. T. M.

In the physical laboratory the air will be conditioned as to humidity and temperature control to meet the requirements as set by the American Society of Testing Materials. Only a leeway of one degree of temperature, and one percent for humidity is allowed. Every minute of the day and night, seven days a week a constant temperature of 70° and a relative humidity of 65% will be maintained. In this laboratory will be placed the breaking, viscosity and abrasion machines, heat testing apparatus and other equipment. Against the outside wall will be placed the benches and cupboards. The upper end of the room will be used for weighing of the product in all the processes. In the center of the room will be two large work tables and a rack in the center for holding the product while under test.

Laboratory to Be Modern in Every Detail

Since temperature and humidity is important for testing, entrance to both laboratories will be through a vestibule to prevent the loss of heat and moisture. New and modern furniture will be placed in the waiting room and laboratory office, in fact, when completed the entire laboratory will have the latest type equipment and furnishings. All rooms will be redecorated with a color scheme in harmony to the requirements of each room.

WALTER PIEK SERVED IN SUB IN 1914

IT WAS A TERRIBLE LIFE

Walter Piek, employed as a chemist at the Bleachery in the Print Cloths Division, served in the German Navy during the last war. Coming to the U. S. A. on the steamer "Manhattan" five years ago this month, he has received his first citizenship papers and is looking forward to the day when he will become a full fledged citizen. "Every man, woman and child who lived in Europe under such unhappy conditions can only realize what it means to have freedom and liberty such as we enjoy," says Walter. "Let us hope from the bottom of our hearts that the United States and her Allies will win this war at any cost".

Submerged In Submarine for 11 Hours

In August 1914, he was called to serve his country and chose the Navy, for every man was compelled to enlist in either the Army or Navy. After three months of intensive training he was ordered to train on a battleship. This training wasn't easy because he had no previous experience with big guns and torpedo tubes. After serving on this battleship for two years he was transferred to one of the largest submarines, manned by a crew of 48 men. Then followed another three months training before the men were eligible for high seas duty. Every day for 16 hours a day the men were on duty and it was the wish of all on board that the war might soon be over.

After this three months training, they were ordered to leave the harbor for war duty. Sailing under sealed orders it was found that their destination was Turkey. Then came a long sixty day trip through dangerous waters and through the English Channel, infested with huge steel nets to trap submarines. They passed through this danger zone but at one time had to be submerged for eleven hours before passing. No man expected that he would ever see the sunlight again. Sometimes life is strange. A little luck and a short prayer often helps. For 38 days more they travelled with nothing in sight but water and more water.



until they arrived at Constantinople, their destination.

Extends Appreciation To Pepperell

It is his wish to express to the Pepperell Company, particularly to the Messrs. Harrison, Lawlor, Cloutier and Anthoine, his many, many thanks for their kindnesses and understanding; and to all his friends at the Bleachery who have helped him begin life anew. Perhaps his appreciation can be best expressed by his own words—"I can assure you that I am trying to be a good citizen of the United States of America and I would be very proud to be called to duty to serve my new 'Fatherland'."



Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Bouchard—Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard were married in St. Mary's Church, Lewiston, on November 22 last. Bridesmaids were Jeanette Turgeon, sister of the bride and Flo Boudreau. Mr. Bouchard is employed in the Starch Room at Lewiston.

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**BOSTON TRIP
FOR MEN ON
MARCH THIRD**

TRIP FOR WOMEN TO
BE NEXT MONTH

Again, six men in each of the Lewiston, Biddeford and Fall River mills will be offered a full-expense trip to Boston with a free ticket to the Bruins-Toronto Hockey Game to take place on March 3rd. Numbered stubs have already been distributed among employees and the drawings either have been made or will be made shortly to determine those who will attend. This trip will take much the same form as that of last Fall when a large group of men came to Boston and saw the Boston College-Tennessee Football game.

Each person will be provided with full railroad or bus fare, plus expense money and a ticket to the game, and full facilities for getting around the city to see the sights. In addition to the six to be selected from each mill, numbers will be drawn for alternates who will take the place of those whose numbers may be originally drawn and at the time of the trip, may not be able to make it.

Trip for Women in April

Notices have been posted on the mill bulletin boards and complete details about the trip can be obtained from any second hand or overseer. There is only one thing to keep in mind and that is, that any person who cannot possibly make the trip should not submit a numbered stub. It is only fair to permit those who have facilities for coming to Boston to have full opportunity to do so.

At present, it is planned to arrange a trip for women employees of the three mills to take place about the first part or middle of April. As soon as possible, complete details will be announced and the drawings will be made in exactly the same manner as they were for the trip which took place in the middle of December.

In the case of the trip for the women, full transportation will be provided, arrangements will be made for a dinner in Boston and for attendance at a show which will be interesting to everyone.

**HOW TO COOK
WITHOUT SUGAR**

IT'S EASY AND THRIFTY

Into the American home has come a new word—a new symbol in our way of thinking. That word is *ration*. After all, we are a united people and rationing is the fair and neighborly method of distribution—equal for all—for the good of all—and to insure ultimate and final victory.

A List of Substitutes

The wife or mother is glad to cooperate, but she does ask, according to regular feminine procedure, for recipes with ingredients equivalent to sugar. There actually is a variety of sweetness from which to choose, for there is corn syrup, honey, saccharin, maple sugar or syrup. Saccharin is many times sweeter than sugar but has no food value.

These types of sweetness will not only save our precious sugar supply but will add new variations to our cooking and taste-thrills for the family's enjoyment. It is only necessary to change our recipes slightly for in the use of corn syrup for making muffins, cakes or cookies, the rule is to use the same amount of corn syrup as you would sugar but reduce the liquid content of the recipe to one-fourth or one-third. For desserts, use twice as much corn syrup as you would sugar and reduce the liquids by one-fourth or one-third.

Explosives Made from Sugar Cane

If honey is used, one teaspoon of the strained product is equivalent to *four tablespoons* of sugar, for it is a concentrated natural sweet. Fruits can be substituted in our diet for sugar for they have considerable sweetness. Canned fruits have even more sugar because they were sweetened with sugar when prepared to preserve. Fruits are rich in food content too.

The reason that sugar is important in this war is that from sugar, alcohol is distilled and from alcohol explosives are made. So the housewife willingly does her part in conserving sugar so that the boys can receive bullets which will eventually win the war. On this basis, the whole family cooperates by substituting other types of sweetness for sugar.

VALENTINE PARTY DRAWS A BIG CROWD

The entire social activities took the form of a combined Valentine and Victory dance, for the 2 door prizes were in defense stamps. Two dollars in these stamps were awarded to Rita Isabel and the two dollar stamps were received by Lorraine Blais. Previous to the dance, raffle tickets were distributed throughout the plant by committeeman Roy Harmon. That night proved a most enjoyable and prosperous evening for Mary Sullivan who won a \$25.00 bond by holding the lucky ticket; and to Joseph Dube who held the lucky number for \$5.00 in Defense Stamps, and Jeannette Allard who received \$2.00 in Defense Stamps. A total of \$37.00 was given out in Defense Bonds and Stamps that proved to be beneficial to the winners and to our government.



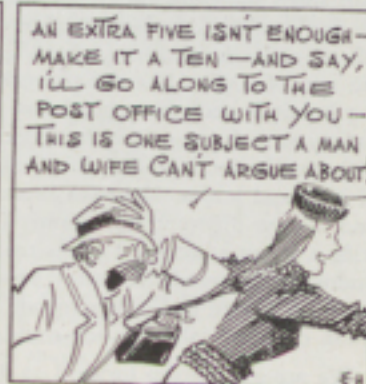
Here's part of the army's stock of rubber tires. You can see why civilians have got to cut down on their use of automobiles so that the army will have enough.



Back in 1918 women first started to get interested in mechanical work. Here are a few of them doing a job on an old Buick. We bought a lot of Victory Bonds then and won the war. We've got to buy Defense Bonds now and win it again.

With But a Single Thought

By Arthur Folwell & Ellison Hoover



FORMER NEW YORK EMPLOYEE WRITES OF AIR CORPS

A ROOKIE'S IMPRESSIONS

The following letter was written by a former employee of Pepperell's New York office, who is now in the Air Corps. It gives a good picture of a rookie's first impressions after induction into the service.

Dear Mr. Schapp:

It is exactly one week today here, instead of leaving on Wednesday morning as I expected we were rushed off at 6:08 p.m. Tuesday night from Jersey City. The trip down took forty hours and consequently we spent two nights on the train. The accommodations were splendid, we had the same Pullman all the way down and really had a delightful time. We arrived at Maxwell Field about 11:30 a.m. Thursday and were immediately whipped into line and I must say were amazed at the discipline which turned out to be mostly hazing by the upper class men. They marched us all around the field on Thursday in our civilian clothes and then to "The Old Mill", a temporary sleeping place for the day's arrivals.

The next day we were processed and relieved of all our own clothes and then given uniforms. They are quite magnificent really, not at all like the regular army issue. More buttons and gadgets than you can imagine. We have very good looking finger tip length topcoats and officers' caps with spread wings and a propeller in silver and gold. Low shoes and excellent gloves and shirts. You see we are considered potential officers and are given officers' uniforms and have officers' mess. Our meals are not, of course, like the proverbial home cooking but it is really very good and there is a great variety at each mess. Our breakfasts are enormous, with eggs, bacon, sausages, wheat cakes and all kinds of jams and jellies. We have West Point etiquette and it is so different from Emily Post we have to stifle a laugh at times, it seems really funny. This undoubtedly sounds like army publicity but in all reality if I were to advise someone to enlist I can't think that any other branch could be better.

We are all looking forward to flashing the uni-

forms back in the old home town. I have never eaten so much in my life and everyone feels the same way about the enormous amount of food consumed. We really should be living in barracks but in one week so many cadets arrived here that they had to stop enlistments temporarily and we are now living in permanent tents. We call our little home, the six of us, "Lakeview Manor" because the other day we had a terrific storm and all the tents looked so much like houseboats. That day we were relieved of all duties and just went around in shorts and bare feet. By the way, we also have calisthenics and play basketball and volleyball every day. Consequently the appetites. We have a splendid group of men here.

As to the weather here, it is really the sunny South during the day but at night it is extremely cold and damp but nothing like New York. It seems particularly cold at 5:45 each morning when we have to get out of bed but most of us are used to it now. Most of the conversation hinges on what each of us expects to do when we get free time in the city of Montgomery. As you probably know, it is quite large and we all have membership in a sort of glorified U.S.O. or Officers' Club at the Jefferson Davis Hotel and there is a woman in charge who is local society and arranges dates and parties, etc. for the cadets. So I guess we won't get too lonesome.

Yours truly
LYSLE

Air Cadet Lysle Maturin



The big chunks on these tables are layers of cloth cut all at one time to make the backs, arms and legs of fatigue uniforms from the cloth Pepperell is supplying to the Army.

WHO'S WHO IN BIDDEFORD

PRESCOTT L. HOWARD, Editor-in-Chief

BLANKET NAPPING ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTER: John Downes.

¶ We have lost our second aspirant to the U. S. Army since the conscription Act has been in effect. He is Willie Ledoux who was inducted Feb. 17. We take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck. So long, Willie.

¶ Charles Legako has left us to join the Merchant Marine. Charlie was well liked by everyone and we are all sorry to see him go.

¶ Ernest Martel is the next in line for the Armed Service. He just recently passed his Board Exams, Class 1-A.

¶ We now have a fire chief working with us. He is Morris Renouf, who has been transferred to the first shift.

¶ We thought we had a new boy going to work with us the other day but it was only Rosy with a pair of long pants on. Did she look cute, I'll say she did.

¶ Stephen Scèveour was a recent visitor to Boston. You know that's his home town, folks.

¶ Thomas Jones, our Overseer, took a trip to Lowell, Mass., a few weeks ago. Tommy thinks he should have brought a rowboat for he got caught in a whale of a storm.

MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

¶ Eugene Lessieur is the toughest man in the Carpenter Shop. He punched over 2,000 faces in cutting out pictures for identification badges. He's a rootin'-tootin' cut-up man, too.

¶ Aldorin Belisle is a proud father of a baby girl which brings the number of children in the family to seven. Two more and he says he will hit the jack pot.

¶ A number of the boys in the maintenance department are taking advantage of the free drawing and mechanical engineering course.

¶ A little quiz: Who is the man who buys ice cream but doesn't eat it; eats apples but doesn't buy them; talks a lot and says nothing? For a hint his first name is Dominic.

¶ Charles Hooper is wearing a worried frown on his countenance. Only a few more days to file the income tax, my boy.

¶ Leo Mathews proved himself to be a second Houdini after unlocking his car door.

¶ Though it wasn't intentional, something new has been added. Clarence Williams purchased a dozen eggs from the henery of Frank Bennett which were all hard boiled. The only explanation that Frank can give is that he feeds the hens hot water during cold days.

¶ Robert Robitaille, machinist, has joined the naval reserves and severed his employ with our company.

¶ In one sense, the scent of the sawdust ring has reached the nostrils of Frank Wilson.

¶ Something must be bothering Wash Emerson as he can't sleep nights and too much going on to sleep days.

¶ Charles Leach, Chris Prescott and Clarence Williams attended the Sportsman's show in Boston. Chris tried his luck at fly casting and got his fly caught in something or other which we are unable to find out.

¶ Elliott Scott's face reflects a blue tinge since wearing a blue button.

¶ A rumor from Kennebunkport has it that the only time Mrs. Hartley Leach listens to her charming husband is when he talks in his sleep.



Bernard, Paulette and Maurice Lebel, children of Mr. and Mrs. Rosaire Lebel of Biddeford. Their mother was the former Blanche Lacroix who was employed in Spinning Room 25-B.

SHEETING CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Antoinette Hannah, Mary Goldthwaite, and Phyllis Cote.

¶ Grace Emerson has returned to work after a brief visit at her former home in Lubec.

¶ Charles Rolfe spent the week end recently with relatives in Boston and attended the Sportsman Show while there.

¶ Rose Driscoll and Blanche Desnoyers motored to Boston with friends and took in the Ice Follies at Boston Garden.

¶ Marie Nunan says the domestic help problem is so exasperating.

¶ "You are My Moonshine, my only Moonshine", Jimmy Wilcox on the air.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Houde celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary recently.

¶ Poor Bertha, we all realize what it's like when the one and only goes off to Camp.

¶ Now, gals, gather up your dirty aprons, it's a long walk up to Phyllis Cote's should you need one later.

¶ We had one cold day this winter, how we knew, Stella Antonakas wore a hat.

¶ We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Adolphe Gagnon on the recent bereavement of his mother.

¶ What would happen if Mina Dubey worked on the first shift?

¶ The chief topic of the day with Frankie Freeland is "My cute little girl in Alfred."

¶ Let's not go parking at Old Orchard. Jesse Ballard is now a special policeman and wants to do his duty.

¶ Adolphe, please don't be afraid of the big bad bear. Eleanor was kind enough to put him in his bin.

¶ We hear there was a "wash-out" instead of a blackout the other night. Ask Mina and Joe V.

POEM

Now, Uncle Sam, you swell old guy
You've gently told us bye and bye
We can't have sugar, tires and such
And we the people don't mind, much
We'll give our papers, aluminum too
Will willingly send you a peck or two
But just one favor, Uncle Dear
Can't we keep Albert Camden here?
No, I hear we can't and he
And we'll get along, I guess, O. K.
But if he's at Devens or Pensacola
Who'll match and lose for J. H.'s Coca-Cola?

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TOWEL CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Natalie Keene, Laurence Beaudette.

¶ Mrs. Lilyan DuPont is vacating her cosy apartment on Elm Street and may now be found at her new abode at 99 Green Street. Are we to have a house warming Lilyan and Andre?

¶ Corinne Proctor is practicing her bowling form. We recently saw her slaying the maples at the Central Alleys.

¶ Stanley Adams, formerly of this department, is now a private in Uncle Sam's Air Corps and is located at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La.

¶ Ruth Hobbins visited in Portland recently.

¶ Richard Boston, son of Mrs. Elise Boston of this department, is a private in the Air Corps and is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J.

¶ Pauline Boutet is receiving mail from a private in the armed forces. Don't worry folks, it is her brother who recently left for Devens who is corresponding with our shy and bashful little girl from Aberdeen, Maryland.

¶ Mrs. Eva Gaudette recently celebrated her birthday at a surprise party given to her by the co-workers, at the home of Blanche Pruneau. It is said that Eva wept openly on being presented a gift. Can't you take it Eva? You old maid you.

¶ Lilyan and Andre DuPont attended the showing of Louisiana Purchase in Portland recently.

¶ Pauline Boutet attended the premiere of the great motion picture, "How Green was My Valley" in Portland recently.

¶ Our congenial foreman, Seldon Emery, a devoted follower of Isaac Walton, trekked to the mouth of the Kennebec River and did a little ice fishing. Does anyone have a spare copy of the fishing laws?

¶ We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Urbain Bolduc on the death of his father, a former sexton at St. Andre's church.

BLANKET CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Rose Bouthot, Catherine Lamb.

¶ Georgiline Bisailon and Carrie Stanton are back to work after an absence due to illness. We're glad to see you back, girls.

¶ Anelda Methot, our stitcher in 16-3, has been out for quite some time, her little boy is ill. We hope he gets better soon Anelda, so you can come back with us.



No matter what your ailment may be, come to the Clinic and consult the doctor or nurses who are there to serve you without cost. Mrs. Leanna Poulin demonstrates the use of the Thermolyte treatment which is applying heat by the lamp shown.



Josephine Pavaro with Cadet Party, a brother of hers now serving at the U. S. Naval Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

¶ Arthur Hamel has left us and has gone to Worcester, Mass. Good luck to you, Arthur.

¶ Rita Palardis has also left us to stay home and keep house. We'll miss your whistling and singing, Rita.

¶ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harvey on the birth of a baby daughter. Mrs. Harvey works in 16-1.

¶ Lucille Lamoureux recently enjoyed a week's vacation visiting friends in Van Buren and Bangor. Lucille says she had a pleasant trip.

¶ Alphonse Roberge attended the American Snowshoe Convention in Lowell, Mass. Alphonse reported a good time. (As usual.)

¶ Marie Rose Bernier is feeling blue these days. Cheer up, Marie, Uncle Sam will take good care of "Little Roland".

¶ Juliette and Clarinthe celebrated their birthday recently at the Batchelder's and those girls can certainly enjoy a party.

¶ Albert Belisle's little boy was operated on for appendicitis. We wish your son a speedy recovery, Albert.

¶ Claire, what is it about your boots the girls all admire so?

¶ Emile, our Second Hand, is not only an efficient boss but is also a pretty good mechanic so the stitcher in 16-3 tells me.

¶ The second shift welcomes Theresa Grenier and Marie Nadeau. Theresa is a new girl and Marie was transferred from the first to the second shift.

¶ We are proud of all the young ladies in the Blanket Cloth Room who are taking part in the evening courses on First Aid to help National Defense. We hope to see more of you enroll in the near future.

BLANKET WEAVE ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTER: Ernest Guillemette.

¶ Robert Binette, our former "Filling Receiver" who has been called by Uncle Sam is now in the Coast Artillery, and seems to like it way down in the Southern part of our country.

¶ Blanche Faucher is taking a few days off to enjoy a well needed rest.

¶ Irene Dutremble is back to work with us, after having been out for a few weeks, due to illness.

¶ We welcome Claire Gagne, our new office girl. She seems a little shy, but she'll soon get over it and find that it's only one big happy family.

¶ George Dow has left our employ and enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and is now stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

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- ¶ Laurette Fournier attended her sister's wedding in St. Hyacinth, recently, also visiting different places in Canada.
- ¶ Rose Eva Jacques is back with us having been a week absent from work.
- ¶ James Ferguson, having been released from the Army, due to "28 age limit", has returned to serve his country.
- ¶ Freddy Blanchette has been transferred on the second shift. What's the matter Freddy, don't you like it?
- ¶ Phillip Auger has left our employ and entered the Portland Shipyard.
- ¶ Irene Paquette has been absent for a few days due to illness.
- ¶ Mrs. Annie Desrosiers was a recent visitor in Canada.
- ¶ Here are a few of the boys who have left our employ and taken up welding in Portland: John Flynn, Lucien Ruel, Robert Bergeron, Andrew Bouffard and Leo Gosselin.

SHEETING CARDING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Sarah Whitworth, Herbert Sears, Paul Leblond, Oscar Blanchette, Raymond Gendron, Maurice Thompson, Joseph Cook, Emeline Morin.

- ¶ Mrs. Bouffard, 8y-frame tender, has shown us the picture of the family. We hope that she will bring it in some day so we can all see it in the Sheet.
- ¶ Miss Estelle Renouf was transferred to our shift and working as helper with Mr. Dumichel and Mr. Hagford.
- ¶ Caught in the draft was our roving boy in 2-2B, Paul O'Leary. We all wish him the best of luck while working for Uncle Sam.
- ¶ Many of my friends have inquired and others have wondered about me. Since I have been on my new shift I have made many new friends and met many old ones. Signed . . . J. P. C. I hope you will know who I am.
- ¶ Mrs. Rose Couture of 2-2B tells us that she is doing a lot of repairing and remodeling in her home lately. When everything is completed we hope to be invited for tea.
- ¶ Mrs. Rose LeBlond said she will not wear stockings that she has to pay \$1.00 a pair for to work.
- ¶ Our congenial Night Superintendent, Mr. Sweetsir, is doing his part in conserving for Biddeford. He dines in Portland and we mean he really eats anything listed on the menu up to a ham sandwich. Of course there is a small entree which includes a steak, potatoes, three side dishes and a couple of puddings. Are we correct Mr. Adams?

BLANKET SPINNING DEPT.—Biddeford

REPORTER: Merilda Bernier.

- ¶ Mrs. Laura Stevens is confined to her home because of illness. Hurry and get well, Laura, because the girls miss you very, very much. It is so quiet here without you.
- ¶ We welcome Fernand Gullbeault and Edward Briere, our new yarn boys.
- ¶ As reporter of Dept. 15-3, I'm very proud to say that every employee in this department purchased a Defense Bond. At a critical time as such, it is a noble way to help win the battle.
- ¶ At the present time we have on our sick list Marie Boisvert, Claire Vir, Eliza Roux and Aurelia Dube. We wish you all a speedy recovery, girls, so please don't disappoint us.
- ¶ Pvt. Roland Begin, former yarn boy of Dept. 15-3, is now located at Fort Eustis, Va. and his friends will be interested to know that at the present time he's taking up Anti-Aircraft Artillery which he likes very much. We'll try to give his friends news of him every month so watch for next month's issue.
- ¶ Valea Martel has been transferred from the second to the first shift. Hope you enjoy your transfer, Valea.

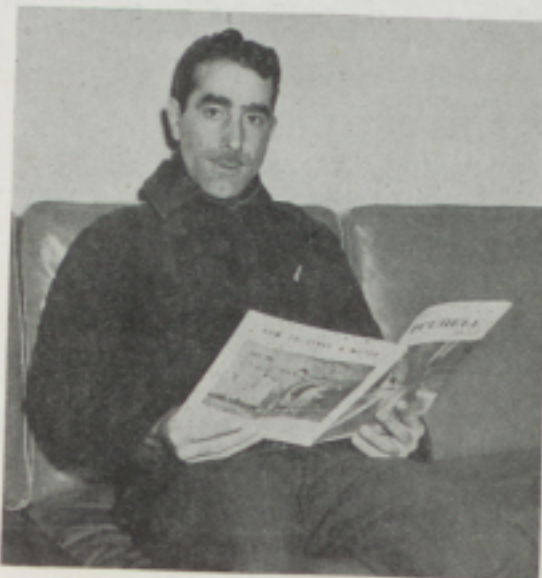
WHO'S WHO IN FALL RIVER

H. A. TRUSLOW, Fall River Editor

CLOTH ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: Ethel Marston.

- ¶ We are still missing you Lucy. Glad you recovered from your operation so nicely and we will be glad to see you back to work again.
- ¶ We are sorry to hear that Gert is sick. She is home with an attack of the grippe.
- ¶ We all feel sorry for Ann. She has worked on Sheetting for some time and feels lost at losing her trimming machine.
- ¶ Dot will surely need some Vitamin B-1 when the Valentine Party is over. She is Chairman and it isn't an easy job.
- ¶ Wonder how many of her friends Margaret invited to the free supper?
- ¶ Mabel's grandson's picture has been entered in the New York Baby Beauty Contest. Lots of luck Mabel.
- ¶ How is your sale of tickets coming along Minnie?
- ¶ Wonder what the big moment is for Vera at the basketball game.
- ¶ Mr. Horne is going to have a siren put on Delia's alarm clock.
- ¶ Well the "Three Musketeers" are still hanging on. Thought Uncle Sam would have had them by this time.



John Silvia waits in the Fall River Clinic to be treated. He is a weave room employee in B Mill, attends all social affairs and has purchased Savings Stamps.

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WEAVE ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: Phyllis LePage.

¶ Urbain Pariseau has been wearing a smile lately so we will let you know the reason why:—he has become the father of a little baby boy. Urbain has two girls also, but he is the first one in either family to have a boy. No wonder he is so proud.

¶ Elizabeth Mello is leaving us and we are sorry to see her go. She is being married Valentine's Day. We wish you all the luck you deserve Elizabeth.

¶ Lydia Voyer is very proud and she should be; her son has enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

¶ Mr. St. Louis's son had a surprise party on his birthday. He received many gifts and had a grand time. We hope you have forty-nine more Alfred.

¶ The girls would like to know how Romeo Bertrand keeps his hair so slicked. What kind of hair lotion do you use Romeo?

¶ Mr. Canuel is out taking care of his wife, who is recuperating from an operation.

¶ Mr. Loibelle fell and hurt his ribs. He will be absent from work for some time. We hope you have a speedy recovery.

¶ Adrien Belanger has been put in class one "A", so we will be losing him soon.

¶ We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Crompton from Virginia. Mr. Crompton is our new second hand on the third shift and his wife is spare hand on the first shift.

¶ There has been an epidemic of new permanents lately. Jean, Linda, Isabelle, and Lillian, all have new ones.

¶ Lorraine Lord, Donat Coderre and Mr. Brunsell are our new Air Raid Wardens.

CARDING DEPARTMENT — Fall River

REPORTER: Beatrice Dupuis.

¶ Congratulations to Mr. Aurel Bernabe on the birth of a son, born on January 25th.

¶ Daniel Schanks is one of the many men taking a course in First Aid. He is a veteran of the first world war and he still finds time to devote his services to the second world war. Good for you Dan.

¶ We believe that Mrs. Fallon was the first from our department to fill her book with defense stamps. She now has a bond and we hope that everyone will get behind this great movement to do their part as every loyal American should.

¶ Well Bertha you had better hurry up and buy that new alarm clock you were telling us about or you will be late one of these mornings. Although we must admit the bed is a very comfortable place on these cold winter mornings.

¶ Why is it that everytime three certain young ladies make plans to spend an enjoyable evening together, it storms? They just can't figure it out.

¶ It is rumored that wedding bells will soon be ringing for one of our girls. Guess who?

¶ We wish to mention that Donat Duquette, nephew of Louis and Pat Duquette, was one of the youths from our City who lost his life at Pearl Harbor.

¶ Joseph Boyd is out sick again. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

¶ Jimmy Moniz is quite an ice skater from what we hear. He is seen quite often at the Narrows.

MACHINE SHOP — Fall River

REPORTER: Rudy LePage.

¶ The carpenter family has grown once again, with its new addition being Mr. Albert Quillette. Welcome Al, and the best of luck to you. We hope you are with us a long time.

¶ Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Miss Grace Cushman. She received an engagement ring recently from her boy friend. Congratulations Grace. We hope that they will ring soon and that we'll all be invited to the wedding.



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

Army cook tastes the Sunday roast. He is wearing a uniform made from the same kind of fabric that Pepperell is supplying to the army for cooks' uniforms.

¶ The Shop looks a little deserted these days with Roy McDonald and young Jimmy King gone. Mac was offered a job at the Torpedo Station and Jimmy is working for a contractor at the Training Station.

¶ There is a friendly feud going on between Harold Marston and Roy Connors. They keep arguing with each other on the subject of Who Has Less Hair. That is easy enough to figure out, because when Harold walks by, everyone bursts out with a chorus of "When the Moon Comes over the Mountain."

¶ If you would like to know how good a basketball player Russ Harmon is just ask him. He says he's the only one who knows how good he is.

¶ By the time this issue of the PEPPERELL Sheet comes out, Fitzy Fitzgerald and yours truly might be in the Army. Fitzy has already been examined and yours truly is going up for an examination next week.

¶ Rumors are that there is a certain young lady in the Cloth Room always asking about a certain young man in the Paint Shop by the name of William Moss. "You'd better watch out Bill."

¶ I would like to make an apology in regards to a statement made in last month's issue of the Sheet. I quoted Mr. Frank Harrington as being Fire Chief of the Pepperell Mill, whereas it should have been Mr. Pat Griffin.

RAYON MILL — Fall River

REPORTERS: Alfred Lambardo, George Flynn.

¶ Guess What:—Happy, the inspector on the first floor, and Happy Holiday, were seen at Sears visiting Santa and came out with lollipops.

¶ Who is this fellow called Muscles on the third shift, all I see is Bones.

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† We wish Mr. Robillard's son, a battery hand on the first shift, who left his job and joined the Marines, all the luck in the world.

† We are glad to have Margaret Mello back with us in the Winding Department.

† Bang! Bang! says Wallace Colombe the night we had the heavy snow storm and he saw Juliette Layault with her cowboy boots on.

† John Gardner from the Slashing Dept. tells the girls that opening rayon cases is like sweeping the floor. Watch out for Tarzan girls.

† Edith Gazzera and wife recently moved downstairs from Pat Folselli.

† Puss-in-boots is Florence Hathaway, rain or shine, she wears her boots. Why not says Flo, they keep my legs warm.

† We have read the story about Cinderella losing her slipper, but when Doris Braz lost her slipper it wasn't a story, it really happened here at work. She looked high and low to find it, but in vain. Never mind Doris your Prince Charming will find your slipper some day.

† Evelyn Craig has been selected as our air-raid warden for the fourth floor.

† Don't say no to the U.S.O. says Gene Rich, "Let's take a half a dollar 'til next week."

SPINNING ROOM — Fall River

REPORTER: Marion Dupuis.

† We welcome to our department the Misses Imeda Duquette, Florence Mason and Alexina Daviaux.

† Mr. Leo Charette is home sick with pneumonia. We wish you a speedy recovery Leo.

† We are sorry to know that you have injured your finger Olive, and hope it heals up quickly.

† We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Perry in his recent bereavement.

† We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Francisco Barboza who recently underwent an operation in a local hospital.

† Mr. Hector Minville is absent from work, the reason—frostbitten fingers. You had better buy mittens Hector.

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VICTORY COLUMN NEWS

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EDITORS: RAYON DIVISION OFFICE —

LISTEN FOLKS!

We are pleased to inform you that our first customer for United States Defense Stamps "Bill Gempp" seems to have started on the right foot, because he is now suffering keen competition from other employees who are buying stamps Galore.

The first news we had, the Third Shift was ahead but since then the Three Shifts are running a neck-and-neck race. That's fine! Let's keep it up!

According to our Weekly Sales Chart our sales seem to increase every week. Our first week's sales amounted to \$20.00 but sales have gone up so that our Record Week Sales amounted to \$185.25. This is good but we must reach our Goal of \$250.00 a week and more, if possible.

We are pleased to note that our Sales to date exceed \$600.00 — that's encouraging but we must try harder to beat our enemies. "REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR" is an old saying but still going strong.

ANYONE DESIRING TO BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE STAMPS MAY DO SO ANY DAY IN THE WEEK AT THE RAYON DIVISION OFFICE

WHO'S WHO IN LEWISTON

HARRY J. VAUGHN, Lewiston Editor

MACHINE SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: Carl Proctor.

† J. Desjardins recently received a bad injury to his eye but is getting along nicely.

† According to Frank Landry, local politics are entirely too tame.

† C. Raymond, who is on the school board at Mechanic Falls, and very interested in his work, is not above taking a shovel and pitching in if the occasion demands.

† The boss is busy these days on his duties as air warden.

† Joe Bouchard has taken up where he left off last winter since the recent snows. Joe pitches it into the street and the city puts it back in his yard.

† Val Lacoursiere is busy evenings on a defense course of study.

† C. Boutin is having trouble with his income tax. Ain't we all?

† E. Lafontaine is walking these days. He claims if you are going to save rubber you must walk or be a sardine.

† Pat Burke is absent because of sickness.

† Charlie Manning recently paid a visit to South Portland and got lost. Things have certainly changed, he says.

† Louis Lucier recently installed an oil burner that is a "marvel of science". Louis sits by the hour and scratches it "percolate".

† John McDonald is very much worried about the new tax on boats. It is claimed he is thinking of sawing a piece off the end so the amount won't be so large.



This cute little young lady is Lorina Lacroix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Lacroix of Biddford.

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OFFICE — Lewiston

REPORTER: Dorothy Wellander.

¶ Emily Leger was a very attractive bridesmaid recently when she stood up with the last of her unmarried sisters. Guess it's your turn next, Emily.

¶ New additions to the Pepperell office force: Ann MacLeod and Mary Moore. Welcome, girls.

¶ Since the requirements for "Army Girls" were printed in the daily paper, several have been talking of joining. Maybe it's because Wally "Ray of Sunshine" Finn is leaving.

¶ The late snow storm was joyfully welcomed by Anita Fournier who is a fervent ski enthusiast.

¶ The girls had a grand time at their latest party. The event was in honor of our recent bride, Blanche Sherry Murphy. Decorations were in keeping with the occasion. Refreshments were delicious — for confirmation, ask Dot Mynahan.

¶ Melba Field, we hear, has been attending sessions of Cooking School. Don't try any new experiments on your husband, Melba.

¶ Margaret Shea welcomes the coming sugar shortage. It will help her stick to her "diet".

¶ We're wondering how much money Madeleine Lizotte lost on the recent Edward Little-Lewiston High basketball game.

YARD — Lewiston

REPORTER: Russell Bryant.

¶ Frank Ouellette has just returned from another trip to Washington.

¶ Lucien Dutil says the reason he likes to sweep around the front gate Monday mornings is that he can pick up enough cigarettes to keep him in smokes the rest of the week.

¶ When Joe Hachey went after his income tax form, the clerk took one look at him and asked, "You want a form for a farmer, don't you?" Was Joseph's face red!

¶ We wonder what Jim Powers' wife is going to say to him when she sees that he was badly in need of a shave in his identification picture.

WHITE FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: Roland Lacombe.

¶ Larry Morin has added another cousin to his list. He had her picture in the room recently.

¶ Congratulations to Walter Brazas and Muriel Deschene for their fine performances in the minstrel show.

¶ We are all going to pitch in and help Jerry "Junior" Edwards to move to Marblehead. Of course, Violet, as usual, was glad to see him.

¶ If there is anything that you want to know about Geometry, Psychology, Astronomy, Aeronautical Engineering, Volcanic Eruption, etc., see Mr. Gerry Laliberte.

¶ We understand Mary Beatty is becoming interested in the boxing game. She was seen dancing at the minstrel show with a former member of the fistic fraternity and they do say their footwork was something to behold.

¶ If you are interested in buying four tires for your car, see Jim O'Kane. Four tires for eighty dollars and he will throw in the car.

¶ The Boss is wondering when Godly is going to start work on the new War Time. How about it, Ed?

¶ Albert Vachon is quite a fisherman. He went fishing the other day and set ninety traps without any luck.

¶ If you want to learn anything about fortune telling, consult Cecile Gosselin. So far, she has learned that she is going to marry a rich man and have a family of four.

¶ We wonder why John Turner is wearing a necktie lately.

¶ Operator 33 was quite peeved when they moved the Coca-Cola machine. Jim rated two free drinks a day and did Jack Lahey resent the fact.

¶ You wouldn't think that Eddie Vaughn could get lost in Auburn but evidently he did. How about it, Mary?



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

This blitz wagon shows a squad wearing the new tin helmets, and fatigue uniforms made from the same kind of cloth that Pepperell is supplying to the army in great quantities.

STOREHOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: Gerald Flynn.

¶ Pete St. Peter has left us to work in South Portland as a ship's carpenter. Good luck, Pete.

¶ Alphonse Lebrun thinks that this year's minstrel show was bigger and better than last year's in every respect. P.S. Including the piano recital.

¶ We hope General MacArthur can hold out a few more weeks because help is on the way in the person of Wally "Heart Throb" Finn.

¶ Cy Royer's New Year's resolutions are working out fine. We are glad to hear, Cy, that you are the first to have purchased a Defense Bond in the Storehouse.

¶ Raymond Jordan, a staunch admirer of "Dick Emery" music, will attend the dances at the Abou Ben Adhem Hall from now on.

¶ Good luck to Don Shufeldt who has joined the Parachute Battalion. Be sure you pull the right strings, Don.

¶ There will be a carnival in the near future at Emile Dutil's estate on Eaton Street. Five cents a ride on the wheelbarrow.

GREY ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: Reggie Garrison.

¶ We are glad to see the indoor sports season coming to a close for that means the end of billiard tournaments. Joe Gorman has been shirking his journalistic duties in favor of the cue game and we will be glad to welcome him back to the fold.

¶ Al Gowell has been polishing up his footwork in preparation for the coming season at Island Park.

¶ Aime Brouillette is looking forward to the next American Legion Convention. He says he hasn't had any free beverages since the Old Orchard Beach Convention.

¶ Oliver Dubois has hung up his cribbage shoes for lack of competition. He says it's great to be an undefeated champion.

¶ Fred Woodcock has been cutting some fancy figures on local skating rinks. This comes from his early training on the Mohawk's ice surface.

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SHOE GOODS DEPT. — Lewiston

REPORTER: William Collins.

¶ There's a little dark headed girl who works on table No. 2 who says she has had the thrill of a lifetime. She says she's just been kissed like she never has been kissed before. Dirty face, tobacco juice, Wilson's Scotch and horseradish sandwiches. What fragrance!

¶ Our department is very proud about the fine job Johnny Lavoie did in the minstrel show. He stood out like a white star in a blackout.

¶ Henry Scott has left the ranks of the single men. He was married January 24th. Good luck, Henry.

¶ Henrietta Bolduc would give any sailor a battle when it comes to having a (boy friend) in every port.

¶ Bill Rioux is now ahead of Larry in their eating contest. Don't you think that Larry is getting thin?

¶ Howard Johnson paid us a visit the other day. He says married life is all right. He is to be inducted into the U. S. Army February 25th.

¶ Welcome to our department, Leo Mynahan and "Bob" Rioux.

¶ Fred Anderson has left us to do his share in the cause of National Defense. He is working in the shipyard at South Portland.

¶ Why does Bill C., the sheik of the Shoe Department, rush all the new girls. He now has Rita on the string. What has she got that we haven't, Billy, Dear?

¶ Ruth has been kind of moody lately. Could it be that the love bug has bitten her. Be careful, Ruth, it does funny things sometimes.

¶ Poor, poor "Snaboun", always complaining about having to work alone. Something's got to be done about it.

BOX SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: Eugene Madden.

¶ After a long layoff of five or six years, "Babe" Renaud is back on the polished lanes bowling for the Le Montagnard Club. A few years back "Babe" was considered one of the best bowlers in the State of Maine and even now, with old age creeping on, he can still show the youngsters how it should be done.

¶ Some night in the near future "Bunny" Cormier (the Major Bowes of Lewiston) is to take one of his units to Montsweag, Maine, and play before the members of the Grange in that town. "Bunny" has just coached a very successful show by members of the Lewiston Division of the Pepperell Mfg. Co. This show is to be put on again soon for the Veterans at the Soldiers' Hospital in Togus.

¶ Tim O'Leary says it's no hardship living in the country this winter for it's the first winter since he bought the farm that he has been able to walk to work every day without the use of snowshoes.

¶ Nazaire Bonenfant informs us that everyone had a fine time at his son "Buckie's" wedding. "Buckie", one of Lewiston's outstanding hockey players, was married January 21st and spent his honeymoon in Canada where he saw the

Maple Leafs play a couple of games. The best of luck to "Buckie" and his bride.

¶ On January 4th, George Roberge's son entered the United States Army. We all wish the boy the best of luck in doing his bit for Uncle Sam.

¶ Bill Parker is having a tough time getting his son, Bill, Jr., up for work since the clocks have been set ahead an hour. He says it was hard enough to get William "Rip Van Winkle" up in the morning on the old time.

SHEET FACTORY — Lewiston

REPORTERS: Blanche Sawyer, Ellen Cooper, Honey Faughn, Dorothy Casey and Jeannette Haley.

¶ By the time this issue is out, Miss Merita Landry's name will be changed to Mrs. Emile Fournier. The best of luck to both of you.

¶ We wonder if the man with the long pencil and a piece of paper has called on Millie Lessard yet. If he has, we all pity him.

¶ A few of us girls will be glad when we get our identification pictures to see what Irene Hartley's new saying will be.

¶ We hear that Anita S. enjoyed the Minstrel Show tremendously.

¶ All the girls downstairs are certainly glad to have Emily Marcotte working with them every now and then and wish she were with them all the time.

¶ We hear that another one of Mary C.'s beams has left for the Army. We guess it's between South Portland and Bath now. Or should it be Lisbon Falls and Bath?

¶ Rita Gladu is quite an ice skater. She can even play tag on the ice. But when she does, she doesn't feel quite so good the next day.

¶ Rita Marcotte is hoping she will be invited to another bowling banquet. She says she will have some more bedtime stories.

¶ Mabel Turcotte and Tom Salter made a fine looking bridal couple at the Minstrel Show.

¶ Some of the night girls don't think Phil will ever "Set the World on Fire".

¶ Frances Oliver is trying hard to get her bowling team in the win column.

¶ Aggie certainly enjoyed herself at a recent Clan gathering.

¶ Eddie Fahey is always free with his lunches early Friday mornings—ask Alice Hines.

¶ Yvonne Marcoux is another new member of the Night Crew. Hello, Yvonne!

Gordon Windle Plays To The Gallery

¶ Carmen Goyette, a former Day Crew member, is now on the night shift.

¶ Did Clara ever tell you about "Uncle John"?

¶ Rose Fatz, a former Sheet Factory employee, returned to work recently.

¶ Wedding congratulations to Maria and Bill Hanscom who were married on February 6th.

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This picture was taken a little over thirty years ago in the White Finishing Room at Lewiston. We wonder if some of our veteran employees can identify any of the faces.





Richard Robert Poisson, year old son of Leopold Poisson, a loomfixer in the Sheeting Division at Biddeford.

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¶ Our Alyce O'Kane seems to have made a name for herself since she left the Night Crew.

¶ Hope Mary Shaban enjoys all her Sunday ski trips to the Mountains.

¶ Little Mary Cosgrove is developing into a very good bowler. So, Phillip, please stay away from the alleys.

¶ Too bad there aren't more men on the Night Crew, so Nell Brewer wouldn't have to have the girls give her car a push. Teresa Chamberland hasn't been the same since that night.

¶ What will Marguerite do when Feezey goes away to the Army?

¶ Wimpy is traveling quite a lot these days. He's been to Montreal with the snowshoers and he is also attending all the out-of-town Carnivals.

¶ We all hope that Bernadette will be back with us soon.

¶ If anyone is interested in Alaska, Irene T. can tell you all about it as she was born there.

¶ We wonder who Laurianne Lagasse is carrying the torch for.

¶ Gordon Windle and Al Gallant are keeping the Bates Department pretty well entertained lately with their harmonizing and whistling duets.

¶ We hope that everyone had a swell time at the party that was given to them.

¶ Lost, strayed or stolen: one Italian sandwich and two bottles of Coca-Cola. Finder please return to Cecile Oliver or Jane Tardif.

¶ Jane Wilder and Emma Patry have been doing a little ice fishing lately with disastrous results to the smelts.

¶ Kate Gregoire won a beautiful lamp at a recent hockey game for her ability as a cheer leader.

¶ Teddy Cosgrove is getting to be quite a swimmer thanks to her "Y" instructions.

¶ They say that Ann Zarkowsky can put together quite a crabmeat sandwich.

¶ Ed Stahl has moved into town for the winter.

¶ Jennie Crowley is thinking of cooking a boiled dinner on the little stove near the dressing room. Let us know when, Jennie, and we will all bring in a dish.

COLORED FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: John McKenna.

¶ Joseph Pelchat has taken in all the hockey games so far this season. He is an ardent sport fan.

¶ Harry Black is enjoying the new home which he helped build.

¶ Pete Michaud is an ardent rooster for the Pastime Club, of which he is a member. He wants all to join. What's your commission, Pete?

¶ Louis Sampson is seen lately on the street after working hours carrying a suitcase. Louis' wife is a saleslady and he is giving a hand.

¶ We heard lately that Margaret has written to the Love-lorn Column for a friend. True or false, Margaret?

¶ Helen Taylor said she can hear the birds singing in the morning on Garfield Road. Must be Spring, Helen.

FRAME ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: John Grimmel

¶ The boys from Turner certainly have good dogs when they go out hunting and shoot 8 rabbits in one day. But what we can't understand is why they don't feed the poor dogs before they get them in the woods. Or is it a fish story that the dogs ate five of your rabbits? We know you came home with only three rabbits.

¶ Welcome, all of you new hands in the Frame Room.

¶ Good luck to you, Larry Lorentzen. For the information of those who didn't already know, Larry will be in the Army when you read this Sheet.

¶ Armand (Bird Club), is it true that you have not done your share in keeping the little birds alive? And with all this snow! Come, come, Armand.

¶ Mr. Tinker is very sorry that Jerry has given up his job. But he can have all the alcohol to himself, now. Hic, Hic.

¶ Congratulations, Mr. MacFarlane, on your superb singing. But tell us how you are going to keep all the women out of your hair now.

¶ Johnny Jepson's version on the war situation is that it will be too bad if they take all the boys and leave him behind.

¶ Ralph Corriveau has a new week-end hotel but the price is too high and the beds leave you with a backache. And—Oh, My Head!

¶ Shadow Thompson, the Turner Nightingale, certainly did a fine job at the Minstrel Show, but that's not all. (Better stick to singing, Shadow.)

¶ A goodly crowd filled City Hall to near capacity Friday night, February 6th, for the Air Raid lecture. Very interesting, too.

NAPPING ROOM NO. 1 — Lewiston

REPORTER: Phillip Morris.

¶ Ted Lane has returned to work after having his appendix removed. Take it easy, Ted.

¶ Joe Poulin has been putting on weight lately. Must be living a quiet life these days, Joe.

¶ Don Dutil has been giving dance exhibitions for the members of the Webber Avenue Club. His nimble feet sure made a hit.

¶ Bill Judson and Clarence Meserve are having a rest from their literary duties. Hurry back, boys, we need you on the job.

reducing the use of tin and steel and substituting zinc lining in place of the steel. This saving alone resulted in storing up 16,000 additional tons of steel for the war. Vacuum Cleaners were also reduced in number of styles to two, and all the unessential attachments were discontinued.

Many different kinds of furniture were eliminated to the extent that 50% of the usual patterns that were available were completely cut out. The Government also required the elimination of many metal types of furniture and limited the colors of leather and even the use of glass. It also became necessary to ship furniture in knock-down condition rather than to ship it set up. If you wanted to paint your house in 1918, you couldn't get the usual selection of paint colors you were accustomed to, because the Government shut down on a wide variety of colors that had formerly been offered.

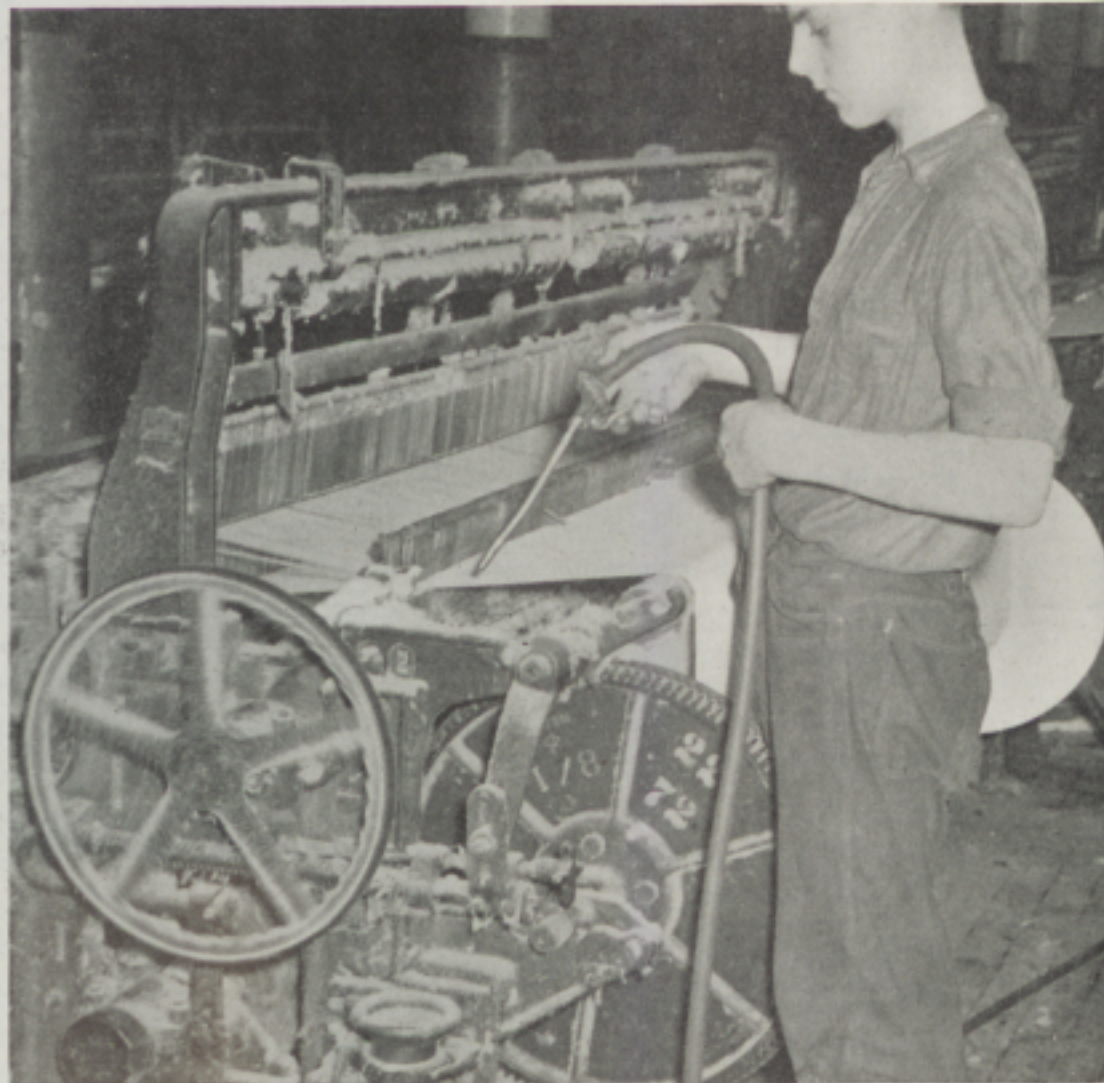
All of this happened over 20 years ago, but today, curtailment of many of these things is going to be even more severe and certainly more important. If it were possible for us to make these relatively small sacrifices then, we certainly can do it now and even on a much wider scale.

Today we have the experience of 1918 to look back on and for that reason it ought to be even easier for us to save on all kinds of regular household equipment and to be satisfied with simpler but just as useful kinds.

F. L. Dunlap

Mill Manager

THE AIR IS DANGEROUS



The air hose in the mills is supplied for one purpose—and one purpose only—to clean the machinery. You can injure yourself severely if you use the hose to clean your clothing.

Here's what might happen, and has happened, if the hose is used to clean clothing.

1. You're liable to blow dirt into your eyes and cause a serious injury.
2. You might blow dirt into your ear, cause an infection and deafness.
3. You might break your eardrum.

Eye accidents in textile plants are most frequently caused by using the air hose to clean your clothing. And eye accidents in textile plants are the next to most frequent injury that occurs.